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In re Application of:

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Serial No.:

09/484,057

Examiner: Payne, David C.

Filed:

18 January 2000

Art Unit: 2633

For:

OPTICAL FILTER AND APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MONITORING

OPTICAL CHANNEL USING THE OPTICAL FILTER

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.156, 1.97 and 1.98, applicant cites, lists, provides copies and briefly discusses the following art references:

U.S. PATENTS:

	Patent No.	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Date</u>
•	5,481,183	Johnson, et al.	01/02/96

OTHER DOCUMENTS

 First Office Action of the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, and English language translation of the first Office action.

DISCUSSION

The Johnson '183 reference was already cited by the Korean Industrial Property Office, as noted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed by Applicant on the 22nd of May 2001. This

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Information Disclosure Statement is filed for the information of the Examiner.

Applicant notes that the Examiner in the People's Republic of China asserts that Johnson' 183 "discloses an electro-optic spectrum analyzer, and asserts that it is "easier for those skilled in the art to use Fabry-Perot Etlan separating (filtering) [of] optical signals based on the Johnson '183

reference.

Applicant notes that the statement set forth in 37 CFR §1.97(c)(1) has already been made,

and this foreign Office action issued upon Chinese application no. 00100357.7 on the 20th of

September 2002, is simply filed as a matter of courtesy, for the information of the Examiner, and no

further certification or fee is incurred.

Respectfully submitted,

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